# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | 487EF24CBA3DC6C83EBED3070EF68C55.JPG |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1400776.010 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Commissioner of Police |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 17 September 2014 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |
| **Date of notice of decision:** | 16 September 2014 |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality.

The image depicts a woman engaged in a sexual act with a horse. The image has no other purpose than the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of sexual conduct with an animal as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround such acts and makes bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 that publications that promote and support bestiality will be banned.